

# Benhurst Primary School

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Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parent and Carers,

I hope you enjoyed a lovely half term break and are ready for what will be a busy next few months. There are lots of important dates which have been included in this letter for your diaries. Apologies it is so long, but we wanted to provide as much notice as possible!

### Attendance

Our overall attendance is 97.08%, which is above our target of 96% and a great start to the academic year. Of the 2.92% of absences, 0.72% were for unauthorised holiday requests. We will continue to award termly attendance badges for children who have attendance of 98% or higher. Thank you for your continued support with your child's good attendance.

### Reception intake September 2020

If your child is born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016, they are due to start school in Reception in September 2020. Parents must apply for a Reception place at school, even if you have older siblings already attending Benhurst or a local playgroup.

The link below is to 'Starting a Havering infant/primary school brochure' which provides the key information and dates.

[www.havering.gov.uk/downloads/download/397/starting\\_a\\_havering\\_infant\\_or\\_primary\\_school\\_in\\_september](http://www.havering.gov.uk/downloads/download/397/starting_a_havering_infant_or_primary_school_in_september)

### Snack reminder

We have been asked by a number of parents to clarify the school's policy on snacks at break time. The policy states that healthy snacks are provided and suggests fruit, vegetables or a healthy cereal bar. We would respectfully ask that parents work within this guidance and the spirit which the policy was written. For example, cereal bars coated in thick chocolate are not what we would recommend. Whilst we do list crisps, confectionery, sweets, cakes and biscuits as foods we do not wish to see in school, this is not an exhaustive list and school policies cannot specifically list every item which should or should not be included. It is left to parent's discretion to work within the school policy guidance and thank the vast majority of you who support our school.

## Clubs

We have many clubs at Benhurst which are listed on the website.

<https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/clubs-and-sports>. If you are interested in your child joining a club, please speak with Mrs Halls in the office or email [office@benhurst.havering.sch.uk](mailto:office@benhurst.havering.sch.uk).

Information about our breakfast and after school provider, ABACUS, is also on the school website <http://www.benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/abacus>.

## Key Dates

Key events are on the school calendar - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/calendar/calendar>

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	- Return from half term (8:50 start)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	- Exotic animals visiting Y3
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	- FOB discos (after school. Tickets purchased via Squid only)
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	- Baton Twirling sessions for Y1 to Y6
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	- 4G rescheduled TLCs (after school)
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	- Y5/6 Handball festival (letter to those selected)
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	- Y5/6 Rugby Festival (letter to those selected)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	- Y1/2 Road Safety workshop (pm)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	- Netball tournament (letter to those selected)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	- Y5/6 football tournament (letter to those selected)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	- Y6 Miles the Mole workshop (pm)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	- Girls netball cup match (letter to those selected)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	- Children In Need day (as chosen by the Pupil Parliament)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	- Y3 trip to Barleylands (letter to follow)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	- Girls football at Harrow Lodge Primary (letter to those selected)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	- Y5 trip to Planetarium (letter to follow)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	- Y4 trip to London Aquarium (letter on website)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	- Y5/6 Athletics (letter to those selected)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	- Police Officer visiting Y2 (pm)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	- Y3/4 Athletics (letter to those selected)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	- Choir singing at Elm Park Illuminations (letter on website)
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	- FOB Christmas Fete (after school)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	- School Christmas Post Box starts
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	- Choir at Romford Market attending (letter on website)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	- Final day of school clubs (ABACUS and Karate to continue)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	- LIFE Christmas Concert at Chelmsford Cathedral (letter on website)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	- Christmas Performance week (YR, Y1/2 & KS2 letter on website)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	- Whole School visit to Queens Theatre
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	- St Nicholas Church service (letter to follow)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	- FOB Discos (KS1 4-00 to 5-30 KS2 6-00 to 7-30)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	- School Christmas lunch
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	- Class parties (pm) (letter to follow)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	- Non-electronic games from home.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	- Christmas Jumper/hats Day (just for fun!)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	- Final day of term (3:30 finish)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	- School closed - INSET day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	- School open (8:50 start). All clubs restart.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact should you require any additional information or have any queries.

Yours sincerely,



Mr D Denchfield

